

HYDE STILL GIVES  
NO SATISFACTION

Former Statistician of Department of Agriculture Will Return.

## LETTER RECEIVED YESTERDAY

Declares He Will Have to Visit Specialist Before Coming Back.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, August 14.—The promised letter from John Hyde, former statistician of the Department of Agriculture, in response to Secretary Wilson's cablegram, urging him to return from England and testify in the proceedings before the special grand jury, which is investigating charges against Edwin S. Holmes, the former associate statistician, arrived to-day. The letter was as indefinite as Hyde's recent cablegram to Secretary Wilson and nothing is known as to his intentions beyond his promise to return "as soon as possible."

In the absence of Secretary Wilson, who has gone to Chicago, the letter was turned over to District Attorney Beach, who authorized its publication. It is dated "Southport, England, August 5th," and is as follows:

"Dear Sir,—Your cablegram of July 27th reached me by mail from London August 2d. As I stated in my reply, I will return as soon as possible. A brief delay is unavoidable. The carbuncle from which I suffered shortly after leaving Washington has been followed by a much more serious one, and I am in bad shape altogether. As I wish to avoid going over a third time, I must also see the specialist whom I came here to consult. I have not been within 200 miles of London, and the statement that I was attending the convention of the statistical institute was a mistake."

"Very respectfully,  
"JOHN HYDE."  
Hyde says he wishes to avoid a third trip abroad, which statement refers to the fact that he was in Europe at the time of Holmes's dismissal, and was called back to take charge of affairs pending an examination of the bureau of statistics. Later he resigned his position in the department, but had promised to hold himself in readiness to aid in every way possible the investigation being made by the Department of Justice. His second departure for England was

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## Virginia Patents.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 14.—Messrs. Davis and Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report the grant this week to citizens of Virginia of the following patents: Edgar H. Atkins, of Richmond, for an explosive; Neal A. Butler, of Hampton, for an alarm bell; John W. Engha, of Blue Ridge Springs, for a nut lock; John W. Flood, of Salem, for a cap replacer; William B. Lacey, of Oak Park, for a mou holder; James S. Leake, of Spencer, for a churn; George E. Lemmon, of Bedford Springs, for a railway switch; John H. Longworth, of Graham, for a rail brace; Harry Smith, of Norfolk, for a base for glasses; Charles S. Maybright, of Crab Bottom, for a churn.

KEEPS TEMPER  
UNDER HOT FIRE

Major Taggart Spends Entire Day Under Severe Cross-Examination of Smyser.

(By Associated Press.)  
WOOSTER, O., August 14.—Major Taggart spent to-day on the witness stand under the heavy fire of ex-Judge Smyser's cross-examination. Though savagely assailed many times by cutting charges, he kept his temper well. No new facts of importance were developed as a result of the cross-examination to-day. Indications are that it will be two or three days before the plaintiff's case is finished. There are witnesses not yet called who will succeed Major Taggart on the stand before Mrs. Taggart's case is called, and these may take until Thursday.

SMALL LIKELIHOOD OF  
EXTRA SESSION NOW

President Roosevelt Undergoes Another Rapid Change—Revisionists Much Disappointed. Sharp Criticism of Affairs of Department of Agriculture.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 14.—The report from Oyster Bay that the President is in doubt as to whether he will have an extra session of Congress is bad news to tariff revisionists, and to those who want the legislative body to undertake again the fight for the regulation of railroad rates. A considerable class has always contended there will not be an extra session. The President thought at one time of calling a session last spring, but was induced to give up the idea. He said, on the third of March that his mind was absolutely made up to call a session for the autumn. In a speech before the Iroquois Club, of Chicago, about the middle of May, he said there would be an extra session for the purpose of dealing with the rate question. Not a month ago he said there would be an extra session about the eleventh of November. When this inspired statement was sent out from Oyster Bay, the mind of the President seemed to be directed more towards revision. Now, in another statement, evidently inspired also, appears the announcement that there will hardly be an extra session for any purpose.

It begins to seem that those who were opposed to rate regulation and revision of the tariff knew the mind of the chief executive better than he knew it himself. Their assertions appeared ridiculous six months ago, in the face of the definite, positive declaration of Mr. Roosevelt that there would be an extra session in the fall. As a matter of policy, these gentlemen have brought to bear on the President within the past month the pressure of the most powerful sort to induce him to change his mind and let up on the railroads and on the subject of tariff revision. They secured a victory when they induced him to change his mind about a spring session. It was recognized that a victory was gained when it was learned that the session was put off until so late as November 11th. It will be a most signal victory for the railroads and the revisionists if there should be no extra session at all. And it begins to appear that there will be none.

Too Many Changes. Incidentally, the President himself is beginning to appear dangerously near ridiculous in shifting his position so frequently, and with such ease. It is nearly a year since he made the outspoken declaration in his message to Congress that there should be enacted a law giving to a governmental body the power to regulate railway charges. Nothing has been done. Three times he has changed his mind concerning some phase of the subject, and some people are beginning to wonder whether he still wishes legisla-

tion of the character he originally recommended.

There is a growing belief that the President "scatters" too much. His roles are too numerous. Trust buster, tariff revisionist, rate regulator, canal digger, are too many parts for any one man to play, certainly for any man to attempt to play at the same time. The real work accomplished by his administration in curbing the trusts is practically nil. The results of the campaign waged against the revisionists are in reality nothing so far as the average citizen of the republic is concerned. The everyday American citizen did not reap any part of a harvest from the smashing of the Northern Securities Company in the Supreme Court. The prosecution of the best of trusts, about which little is heard now, did not lower the price of beef one cent a pound, or the fraction of a cent. The campaign against the Standard Oil Company appears to be absolutely at a standstill and there are some who believe the revisionists now expect may in reality be a peace. The President does not now seem greatly inclined to take further steps to reduce the duties on goods imported to this country. The condition of affairs in the isthmus of Panama are worse than they were a year ago, and the time when the vessels of the world shall be using the ship canal across the isthmus appears actually more distant than it did twelve months ago.

The popularity of President Roosevelt cannot be said to be on the wane. But it is pretty certain that it will be endangered unless he accomplishes something tangible.

Departmental Graft. The people who are pushing the authorities in charge of the investigation of the affairs of the Department of Agriculture are not in the least satisfied with the rate of progress being made. I talked at length with one of these to-day, and he was emphatic in his denunciation, though he would not allow his name to be used in connection with the criticisms he had to offer of Secretary Wilson.

"I am tired of hearing so much concerning the honesty of the Secretary," he said, "and I wish to hear of his doing more to clean out the grafters. Granted that he is honest, it must certainly be admitted by those who make the contention that he is not the kind of man to have in charge of a big department of the government. He is a crookedness of the most aggravated kind existed in his department. He ridiculed the charges when they were first made, and expressed surprise when they were established. What has he done to aid in expelling graft? He has not taken one step in aid of those who are trying to purge the department. Furthermore, I assert he has done everything within his power to throw obstacles in the way of the investigators, and to shield the men who have been found guilty. Did he not write a letter to a friend in Iowa, in which he stated he was going to stay at the head of the Department of Agriculture, because he would not desert the men in trouble, who had been so loyal to him?"

From all of which it may be gathered that there is a prospect of change of opinion toward Secretary Wilson. The investigation has not failed to develop crookedness wherever the probe has been applied. But further application is problematical. Had the suspicions which were aroused concerning the honesty of the officials of the Department of Agriculture been raised concerning the honesty of the officials of a national bank, the institution would have been in the hands of a government examiner within an hour and every official would have been suspended. One official of the Department was quickly dismissed and allowed to get out of the country; another resigned, and he, too, left the country, and the resignation of a third was accepted. This is the sum of achievements in connection with the investigation of the affairs of the Department. A third of the stories of graft have not been investigated. At the present rate of progress they will not be during the lifetime of men now in middle life.

SHEA HUSTLES STRIKE  
RESOLUTION THROUGH

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, August 14.—In a manner which was severely criticized by many delegates, President Shea, of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, to-day secured the convention's endorsement of the Chicago strike. President Shea refused to have the roll called on the motion, insisting that a viva voce vote was sufficient. Although there were many nays, President Shea declared the motion carried.

## Washington Affairs.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 14.—Rural route No. 2 ordered established October 19th at Mooraburo, Cleveland county, N. C., serving 816 people and 122 houses.

Rural carriers appointed for North Carolina routes: Eiland, route 2, Fulton; St. John, route 3, Emory; L. Stanley carrier, Byron M. Stanley substitute.

## 'FRISCO SLIM.

Case of Noted Bank Burglar Again Postponed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WILLIAMSBURG, VA., August 14.—The trial of Frisco Slim, the noted bank burglar, was postponed for the second time to-day, several of the Commonwealth's witnesses being absent. Judge Tyler called the case on August 11th. The third time the case was called, the Commonwealth was in charge of Mr. H. I. Lewis, of West Point, who represented the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth's attorney, being ill with typhoid fever.

A large crowd was present, drawn here by the prospect of the trial of the notorious safe-blower.

## Mr. Adams Declined.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
KEYSVILLE, VA., August 14.—In a communication to The Times-Dispatch written on the 10th it stated that "Mr. B. Adams, the ex-member of the House of Delegates from Charlotte county, has announced his withdrawal, which leaves Judge Boylan Green as the only writing date for the Legislature." Since writing this, it has been learned that Mr. Adams had never announced his candidacy, and that instead of withdrawing, he simply declined to be a candidate.

## Contest Increased Assessment.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., August 14.—The county commissioners, who have by investigation found a considerable property in the county undervalued for taxation, met to-day and increased the stock of the H. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company was advanced from 20 to 40 cents on the dollar. It is understood that several property owners have employed counsel to contest the action of the commissioners.



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THE WARM SPRINGS  
AT THEIR GAYEST

Mr. Habliston Invades An Automobile Prohibited Country.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WARM SPRINGS, VA., August 14.—A very thrilling scene occurred on Thursday evening about 10 o'clock, when what appeared to be two great balls of fire, were seen to be descending the mountain with a tremendous velocity.

On the long plaza of the Warm there was great consternation; the wildest excitement reigned; women clutched each other; stories were whispered from one group to another of the evil one, who frightened the mountain. The spirit of the uncanny was rife, sending delicious little scares thrills down the back, when Mr. Habliston said with rather a bored air, "I had, however, the satisfaction of being the lion of the hour, for at least a short time."

A handsome and thoroughly enjoyable card party was given on Wednesday by the ladies of the Brockenbrough cot-

lage—Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Felton and Mrs. Garrett. They formed a charming quartette and entertained with true Southern grace, all being from Macon, Ga. The prizes were by handsome brooches, and were won by Mrs. Doble and Mrs. Gibson. Punch was served during the game, and a delicious luncheon after. The players were Mrs. Doble, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Fulle, Miss Fulle, Miss Cook, Miss Crane, Mrs. Barrett, Miss Barrett, Mrs. Felton, Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Otter, Mrs. Duncan and Miss Duncan.

Lieutenant Stewart Heintzelmann is the latest charming addition to the August contingent, so largely represented this year. The army is headed by General Randolph, recently retired, chief of artillery; the navy by Admiral Rogers, who is the grandson of the great Commodore Perry. As is well known, Commodore Perry made the treaty with Japan and opened that country to commerce and civilization. There is a handsome monument erected to him, where he first set foot on Japanese soil, and this monument was most appropriately unveiled by Admiral Rogers. The Warm bids fair to become the social summer headquarters of the army and navy.

The last arrivals are Mr. Richard Tinsell, Mrs. J. F. Hunter, the Misses Godwin, Norfolk; Miss Warren, Princeton; Mrs. and Miss Cunningham, Mr. W. W. Cunningham, Yazoo City; Miss R. L. Randolph, Virginia; Mrs. Henry Harrison, Virginia; Mr. W. M. Habliston, Richmond; Mrs. A. S. Hunter, the Misses Godwin, Norfolk; Mrs. C. S. Hunter, Richmond; Mrs. Charles F. Penze, Mrs. and Miss Penze, Little Rock; Judge Ira Julian, Frankfort, Ky.; Judge G. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell, St. Louis; Hon. Littleton Cook, Miss Cook, Louisville; Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Fulle, Miss Fulle, and Mrs. George, New York city; Mrs. G. D. Miss Crane, Georgia; Hon. Emory Cobb, Knoxville; III.; Mrs. Dransom Wulfin, Cincinnati.

## SPECIAL EXCURSION TO NIAGARA FALLS, VIA R. F. &amp; P. R. R. AND CONNECTIONS.

Leave Washington, D. C., as follows: Via Baltimore & Ohio Railway and Lehigh Valley Railroad, 7:00 A. M. Friday, July 14th and 28th, August 4th and 8th, September 1st and 15th, and via Pennsylvania Railroad and Buffalo, 7:55 A. M. Fridays, July 7th and 21st, August 11th and 25th, September 8th and 22nd, October 13th. Round trip rate from Richmond, 13.50. Tickets on sale for afternoon trains of days prior to excursions from Washington, limited to reach Washington, returning within ten days, including date of excursion from that point.

For tickets and further information, apply to ticket agents, Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad, W. P. TAYLOR, Traffic Manager.

## LOW RATE WEEK END EXCURSIONS TO NEW JERSEY SEASHORE RESORTS—R. F. &amp; P. R. R.

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